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Yugoslav Exercise "Podgora 72" Begins

Over the past weekend units of the Yugoslav navy, air force and territorial defense started a combined exercise designed to test Yugoslavia's ability to drive off a sea-borne invasion. According to the exercise scenario, the aggressor force establishes a beachhead on Lastovo, a small island near Split, and then attempts to drive inland from there. Press releases are claiming that a great amount of realism has been built into the exercise. 25X1

"Podgora 72" is a continuation of the annual mass exercises begun last year with "Sloboda 71," a mock defense against a land invasion by forces with clear but unspoken similarities to the Soviet Army. Podgora, on the other hand, reportedly presupposes an attack by a modernized naval force with huge surface ships and overwhelming naval air support. It looks like Tito is balancing the books again. 25X1

Survey of Polish Foreign Policy

Foreign Minister Olszowski's 19 October report to the Sejm (parliament) on foreign relations broke no new ground. While the USSR came in for a bit more lavish praise than usual, his remarks on relations with the US also were long and distinctly positive. Olszowski claimed that relations with France (of "particular importance") had entered a new phase. Scandinavia was warmly mentioned as an area with which Poland was having an "intensive political dialogue." The foreign minister's discussion of West Germany was warmer and more positive than it had been this spring--before ratification of the Polish-West German treaty--and singled out Willy Brandt for special praise. Vietnam was treated in milder tones than usual, and China was simply 25X1

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scolded for its anti-Soviet policy and for going against the prevailing detente trend. In all, an unexceptional speech, indicating perhaps that Warsaw, which has been striving during the past six months to project the image of frontrunner in Eastern European detente efforts, now feels confident in that position and wishes to offend as few as possible. [REDACTED]

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